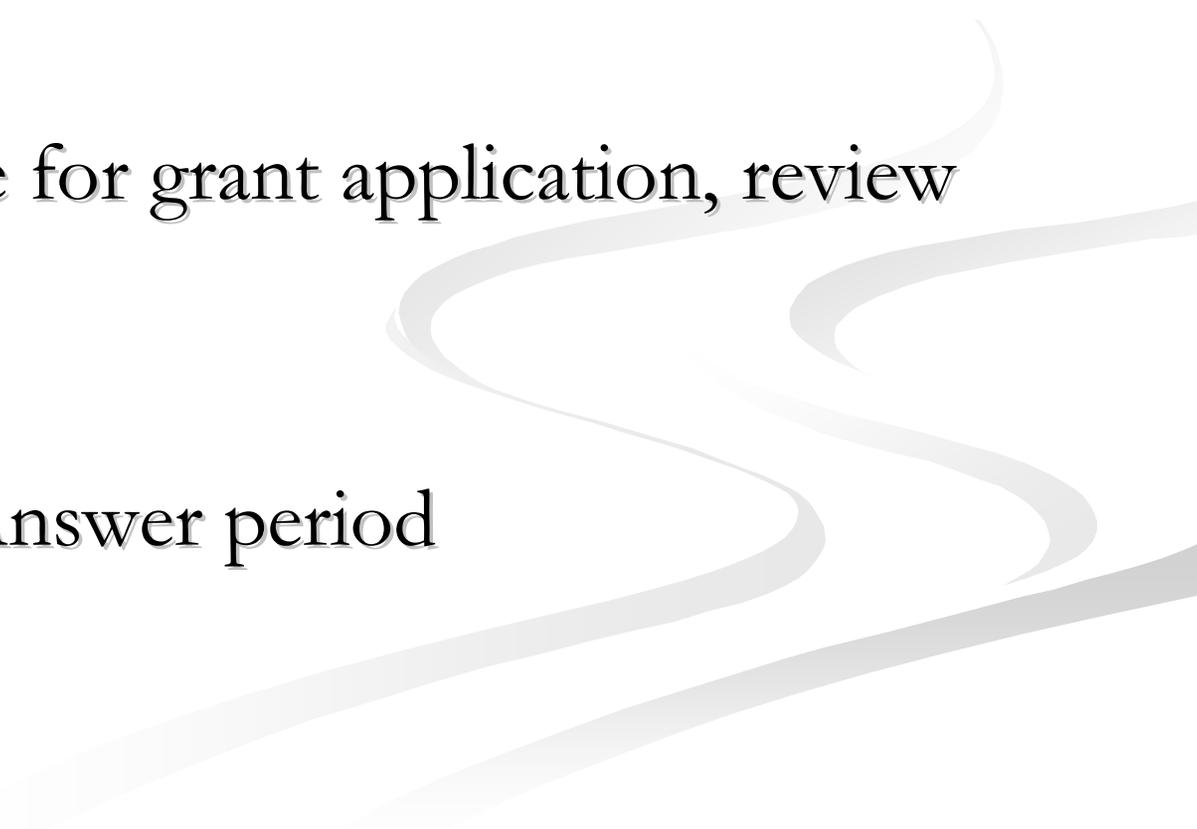


# **319(h) Nonpoint Source Grants Program**

## **Concept Proposal Applicant Assistance Workshop**



# Applicant Workshop Objectives

- Review applicant eligibility, project eligibility and 319(h) NPS program priorities
  - Review timeline for grant application, review and award
  - Question and Answer period
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# 319(h) NPS Grant Program Process

- Based on existing 2005-06 Consolidated Grants (CG) Guidelines
- Eligibility and Program Priorities have been excerpted from CG Guidelines and summarized in Attachment 1 of the Solicitation Notice

# Program Requirements

- Approximately \$5.65 million will be made available for this Solicitation
- Minimum Grant Amt = \$250,000
- Maximum Grant Amt = \$1,000,000
- Minimum 25% match of total project cost (may be waived for DAC)
- Must meet 319(h) NPS Program Preferences and Priorities

# Applicant Eligibility

- Local public agencies
- Public agencies
- Public colleges
- 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Federally recognized Indian tribes
- Federal and state agencies

# Project Eligibility: Proposal Content

- Must implement activities that contribute to reduced pollutant loads as called for in a TMDL
- Must implement activities that are part of watershed plans that address the US EPA nine required watershed-based plan elements
- Must ensure the continued proper operation and maintenance of all management practices

# Required Elements for Watershed-Based Plans per CWA Section 319

- **Element 1: Causes and Sources**

Clearly define the causes and sources of impairment (physical, chemical, and biological).

- **Element 2: Expected Load Reductions**

An estimate of the load reductions expected for each of the management measures or best management practices (BMPs) to be implemented (recognizing the natural variability and the difficulty in precisely predicting the performance of management measures over time).

# Nine Elements (continued)

- **Element 3: Management Measures**

A description of the management measures or management practices and associated costs that will need to be implemented to achieve the load reductions estimated in this plan and an identification (using a map or a description) of the critical areas where those measures are needed.

- **Element 4: Technical and Financial Assistance**

An estimate of the amounts of technical and financial assistance needed, associated costs, and/or the sources and authorities that will be relied upon, to implement this plan.

# Nine Elements (continued)

- **Element 5: Information/Education**

An information/education component that will be used to enhance public understanding of the project and encourage their early and continued participation in selecting, designing, and implementing management measures.

- **Element 6: Schedule**

A schedule for implementing management measures identified in this plan that is reasonably expeditious.

- **Element 7: Measurable Milestones**

A schedule of interim, measurable milestones for determining whether the management measures, BMPs, or other control actions are being implemented.

# Nine Elements (continued)

- **Element 8: Evaluation of Progress**

A set of criteria that can be used to determine whether loading reductions are being achieved over time and substantial progress is being made towards attaining water quality standards and, if not, the criteria for determining whether the plan needs to be revised or, if a TMDL has been established, whether the TMDL needs to be revised.

- **Element 9: Monitoring**

A monitoring component to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation efforts over time, measured against the criteria established in the Evaluation of Progress element.

# Project Timing:

- Grant Agreement Finalized by Dec 31, 2008
- Final Project Report June 1, 2012
- **Project End Date** **June 30, 2012**
- Final Invoicing Oct 1, 2012

# Program Preferences & Priorities

- Well planned and designed implementation based on data contained in TMDLs and watershed plans
- Significant pollutant load reductions that ultimately result in delisting of an impaired 303(d) water body
- Achievement of water quality objectives and beneficial uses within a specified time period,
- Nonpoint source related priorities contained in Appendix G of the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Guidelines.

# Funding Match Requirements

- Must be non-State funded match.
- State Agencies can use State funds for match.
- May be waived / reduced if Disadvantaged Community criteria met
- Eligible reimbursable expenses incurred after September 14, 2007 and prior to project completion date
- Education and outreach may qualify as part of funding match

# Funding Match and Disadvantage Community Waiver Calculation Example

**Example:** Agency A is requesting a reduced funding match for a grant proposal from the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program that has a total cost of \$5,000,000.

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$$P_D = 750,000$$

$$DCR = 750,000/1,000,000 = 0.75$$

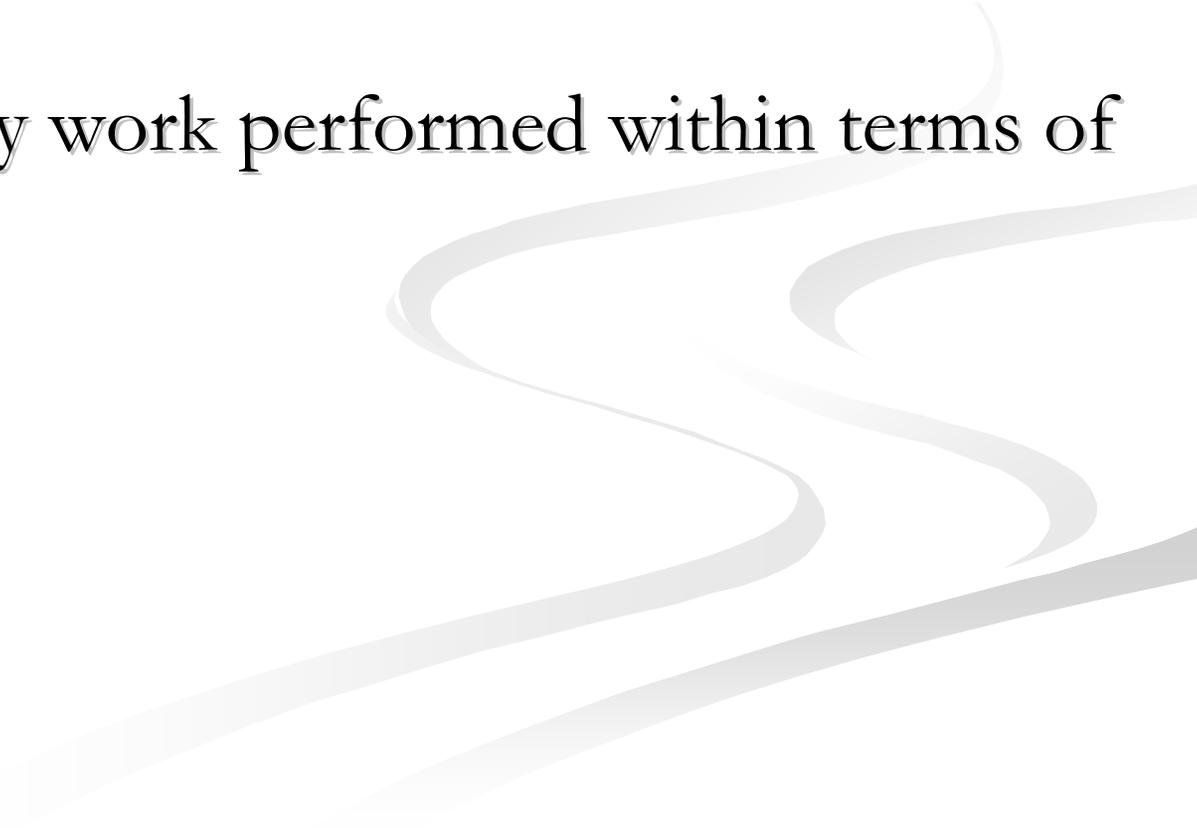
$$BF = 0.5^1$$

$$FM = 0.25$$

$$\begin{aligned} RFMF &= 0.25 - (0.25 \times 0.75 \times 0.5) \\ &= 0.25 - (0.09375) \\ &= 0.15625 \text{ rounded to } 0.16 \text{ (or } 16\%) \end{aligned}$$

Total Project Cost	Grant and Fund Match Using the Minimum Funding Match Requirement (25% of total)		Grant and Funding Match Using a Reduced Funding Match (16% of total)	
	Funding Match	Grant Funds	Funding Match	Grant Funds
\$5 Million	$0.25 \times \$5 \text{ M} = \$1.25 \text{ M}$	$\$5 \text{ M} - \$1.25 \text{ M} = \$3.75 \text{ M}$	$0.16 \times \$5 \text{ M} = \$0.8 \text{ M}$	$\$5 \text{ M} - \$0.8 \text{ M} = \$4.2 \text{ M}$

# Reimbursable Expenses

- Only direct costs related to projects are eligible for reimbursement
  - Timeframe: Only work performed within terms of grant agreement
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# Grant Application Review and Selection Timeline

- Concept Proposal Apps Due Nov. 1, 2007
- Invitation for Full Proposals Dec 15, 2007
- Full Proposal Apps Due Jan. 31, 2008
- State Water Board approval of grants Apr 2008

# How to Submit Your Concept Proposal

- Submitted via Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST)

<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>

- Due by 5:00 PM on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007
- Optional two-page attachment<sup>1</sup>

1 To further answer any of the questions contained in the concept proposal application.

# For More Information

## ➤ PROGRAM QUESTIONS

- Solicitation Notice, Attachments and FAQ are posted  
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/319h.html>
- Contact your State Board, Regional Board, or U.S. EPA representatives listed in Attachment 2

## ➤ FFAST ONLINE APPLICATION

- Email [FFAST\\_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:FFAST_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov) or
- Call 1-866-434-1083

# Question and Answers

- Audience Questions
  - Questions submitted remotely via Email
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